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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT EFFORTS

1. ISRAELI MEPC DELOFF YARDEN PAID COUNTESY CALL ON ME APRIL 17. I EXPLAINED MY PRESENT VISIT TO GENEVA TO MEET WITH VINOGRADOV AS PART OF OUR EFFORT TO CREATE APPEARANCE OF GREATER USSR INVOLVEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT EFFORTS, IN VIEW OF MOSCOW'S DISPLEASURE OVER ITS RECENT NON-INVOLVEMENT. IN ANSWER TO YARDEN'S QUESTION, I SAID WE HAD NO PLAN FOR STATEMENT FOLLOWING MY MEETING WITH VINOGRADOV TOMORROW, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD MAKE PRESS AWARE OF MEETING AS PART OF ONGOING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US AND USSR CO-CHAIRMEN OF PEACE CONFERENCE.

2. I TOLD YARDEN QUESTION HAD ARISEN OF POSSIBLE MEET-ING IN GENEVA BETWEEN SECRETARY AND GROMYKO NEXT WEEK ON SECRETARY'S WAY TO MIDDLE EAST. NOTHING HAD BEEN DECIDED, BUT I THOUGHT SECRETARY WOULD AGREE TO SUCH MEETING IF GROMYKO WANTED IT. WHEN YARDEN ASKED ABOUT SUBSEQUENT MIDDLE EAST ACTIVITY AT GENEVA, I OBSERVED THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF TURNING OVER NEGOTIATIONS OF DETAILS OF SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT TO MILITARY WORKING GROUP IN GENEVA ONCE AGREEMENT ON SECRET

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PRINCIPLES HAD BEEN REACHED THROUGH SECRETARY'S EFFORTS

DURING FORTHCOMING TRIP. I SAID WE HAD OPEN MIND ON THIS, BUT AS PRACTICAL MATTER I PERSONALLY DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE MUCH TO TALK ABOUT, FOLLOWING AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD PROBABLY ALSO COVER MOST PROCEDURAL ASPECTS. DALE

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